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SUBJECT: GUINEA BISSAU: SENEGAL HAPPY WITH IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP

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1. REFTEL IS IMPORTANT AS A REFLECTION OF THE GREATLY IMPROVED REGIONAL ATMOSPHERE HERE. A YEAR AGO, THE SENECALESE LEADERSHIP WERE TELLING US HOW MUCH THEY FEARED THE DANGERS OF SUBVERSION ON THEIR SOUTHERN BORDER BECAUSE OF THE MARXIST REGIME IN BISSAU AND THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN ADVISORS. THE TRIBES, OF COURSE, ARE THE SAME, AND THE SOUTHERN CASAMANCE REGION OF SENEGAL IS THE MOST NEGLECTED AND THEREFORE THE MOST VULNERABLE. ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL FALL TOLD ME DURING OUR FIRST MEETING LAST OCTOBER THAT THE BISSAU BORDER PRESENTED HIS GREATEST CHALLENGE FOR THE DEFENSE OF SENEGAL'S TERRITORY.

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2. BUT THE SENECALESE ARE MUCH MORE RELAXED ABOUT BISSAU RIGHT NOW. ON JUNE 19, PRESIDENT SENGHOR TOLD ME THAT HE IS HAPPY WITH THE EVOLUTION TOWARD MODERATION IN BISSAU. HE FEELS THE SOVIETS ARE LOSING INFLUENCE THERE BECAUSE OF THEIR POLITICAL HEAVY HANDEDNESS AND INCOMPETENCE IN THE ECONOMIC AREA. HE WAS PLEASED TO

REPORT THAT PRESIDENT CABRAL REQUESTED AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SENEGAL WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED AND WILL BEGIN ON JULY 6. MOST IMPORTANT, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT CABRAL WILL ALLOW HIS TERRITORY TO BE USED AS A BASE OF SUB-VERSION AGAINST SOUTHERN SENEGAL.

3. COMMENT: COMING ON THE HEELS OF THE MONROVIA SUMMIT WHICH RECONCILED GUINEA CONAKRY WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, CABRAL'S UPCOMING VISIT TO SENEGAL WILL ENLARGE THE PERIMETER OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND ENHANCE THE FEELING OF SUB-REGIONAL STABILITY. IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FROM AFRICA FOR A CHANGE.

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